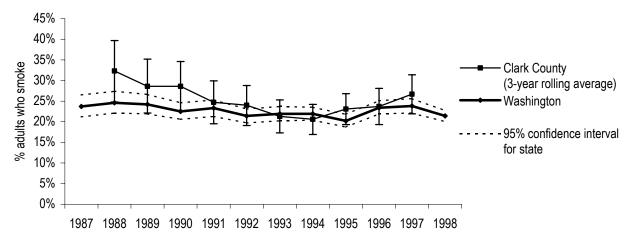
### Clark County Population =327,500 (28% under age 18)

### **Adult Tobacco Use**

**Current Cigarette Smoking (1987-1998)** 

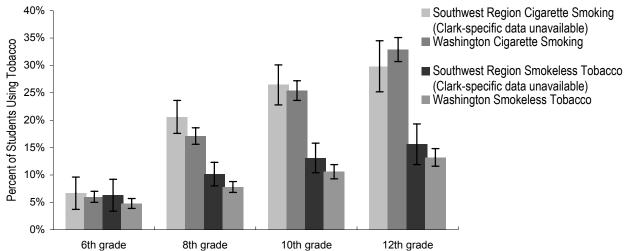


#### **Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (1993-1997)**

Clark County Washington State Entire adult population 3.7% (95%CI:2.5,5.7) 2.9% (95%CI:2.5,3.8)

Males only 8.2% (95%CI:5.4,12.2) 5.7% (95%CI:5.0,6.5)

### Youth Tobacco Use (1998)



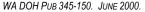
# Summary of the problem

Washington State Department of Health

- Adult tobacco use in Clark County is not significantly different from the state as a whole for both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.
- ☐ Youth cigarette use in the Southwest Region shows elevations above the state rate among younger age groups, but not among 12th graders; youth smokeless tobacco use is elevated for all age groups. Southwest Regional data presented may not be representative of Clark County, as Clark County uses a different school-based survey for assessing youth health/risk behaviors. More data collection is needed to describe tobacco use among Clark County youth specifically.
- Maternal smoking during pregnancy has been consistently elevated above the state rate since 1994, but exhibits the same declining trend seen throughout the state.
- Retailer compliance is significantly different than the state as a whole; Clark County is among the lowest-risk counties in the state for tobacco sales to minors.
- Demonstrating a community-wide commitment to reducing secondhand smoke exposure, large organizations such as Southwest Washington Medical Center, Vancouver Clinic, and the City of Vancouver have declared that no smoking is allowed on the property.

DATA SOURCES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED IN APPENDIX A)

ADULT TOBACCO USE – WA. DEPT OF HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM; YOUTH TOBACCO USE – WA SURVEY OF ADOL HTH BEHAVIORS; POPLN ESTIMATES – OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MGMT, YEAR 2000 PROJECTIONS; MATERNAL SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY – WA BIRTH CERT SYSTEM; MINORS ACCESS TO TOBACCO – FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, NATNL COMPLIANCE CHECK DBASE; TOBACCO RETAILERS – WA DEPT OF LICENSING RECORDS, DECEMBER 1999.



### Estimated number of current adult and youth smokers who will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use:19,300

# **Smoking During Pregnancy (1987-1998)**

# 45% 40% - Clark County - Washington Washington 50% - 5% - 0% - 5% - 0%

## Minors Access to Tobacco (1998-1999)

Percent Sales to Minors 20% ■ Clark County 18% ■ Washington 16% 6% 14% (501 total checks) 12% 10% 8% 6% 4% 2% 0%

Number of tobacco retailers in county: 319

Infants born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy: 964

Health at Risk (Estimated numbers for county)

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Adults who currently smoke	53,100	
Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco	6,800	
Youth who currently smoke	6,900	
Youth who currently use smokeless tobacco	3,000	
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE	430	

## **Current Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Activities**

### Highlights during 1999 in Clark and Skamania Counties

- ✓ Trained 110 peer educators, who then reached over 1,200 5th/6th grade students with tobacco prevention information
- Became lead agency to coordinate "Youth & Schools Task Force" that brings together middle and high school nurses/counselors. Work includes peer educator coordination, sharing youth cessation resources, youth possession information sharing.

# Annual Funding for Program Source

Youth Access (Retailer License Fees) CDC Grant

**Total Per Capita Funding** 

(12-month funding amounts, FY 1999)

**Amount** \$ 22,749 \$ 72,750

\$ .29

# Agency receiving funding

Southwest Washington Health District Southwest Washington Health District

CDC Recommended Community Per Capita Funding: \$.70-2.00

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TECHNICAL NOTES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX B)

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE ARE ESTIMATED AS 19% OF ALL DEATHS (MCGINNIS AND FOEGE 1993); "DUMBBELL" BARS AROUND DATA POINTS FOR SURVEY DATA REPRESENT 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – THE TRUE VALUE MAY BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BARS, BUT MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AT THE DATA POINT; NUMBER OF ADULTS/YOUTH WHO WILL DIE PREMATURELY FROM TOBACCO USE IS ESTIMATED AS 33% OF CURRENT ADULT SMOKERS (MMWR 1996), AND 21% OF CURRENT YOUTH SMOKERS –WHO MAY 'GROW OUT OF' SMOKING BEHAVIOR (USDHHS 1994); "CURRENT ADULT/YOUTH TOBACCO USERS" ARE SYNTHETIC ESTIMATES BASED ON STATEWIDE AGE-SPECIFIC PREVALENCE; FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTIES WERE CALCULATED BASED ON DEDICATED YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUNDS AND CDC FUNDS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COUNTIES MAY SUCCESSFULLY SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL FROM OTHER SOURCES; "HIGHLIGHTS DURING 1999" WERE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL PROGRAM STAFF; "CDC RECOMMENDED FUNDING" IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS (CDC 1999).